

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2016**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Patricia Ekechi (Mayor), Bernadette Lappage (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Bambos Charalambous, Lee Chamberlain, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Nesimi Erbil, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jiagge, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Adeline Kepez, Joanne Laban, Michael Lavender, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Ozzie Uzoanya and Glynis Vince

ABSENT Ali Bakir, Lee David-Sanders, Turgut Esendagli, Dino Lemonides, Donald McGowan and Haydar Ulus

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ELECTION IF REQUIRED OF THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE MEETING

The election of a Chair/Deputy was not required.

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MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

Iman Gulfranz from Edmonton Mosque gave the blessing.

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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Mayor thanked Iman Gulfranz for his blessing and then made the following announcements:

She began by saying that she had been pleased to see so many people at the recent funeral of former councillor Bill Price and felt sure that his family would be blessed and comforted by this.

1. Update on Mayoral Engagements

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The Mayor advised that she had attended many engagements in the past month, the highlights being:

- A seminar on child protection
- A lunch for elderly people organised by the Lefkara Association
- The Cinnamon Faith Audit Report's Event on reviving churches in Enfield
- The Jack Petchey Awards Evening on 23 February 2016

2. London New Year's Day and Enfield's Christmas Parade of Light Cheque Presentation

This event was held to acknowledge the wonderful volunteers who supported both these parades. Enfield came eighth in the New Year's Day Parade this year and the Mayor gave thanks to ArtStart and everyone involved for their hard work.

3. Award to Enfield Public Safety Centre Team

The Enfield Public Safety Centre recently gained the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's certificate of compliance relating to public space CCTV, having been assessed as complying with the 12 guiding principles of the Surveillance Code of Practice.

At the ceremony, the work of the team was praised for providing a centre of excellence. Enfield was the first London borough to be given this award.

Enfield's Public Safety Centre monitored over 1000 surveillance cameras, not only street cameras but also cameras sited in council buildings, depots and other sites. It also provided safety monitoring for over 400 lone workers, including social services employees, security officers and housing staff who carry out vital work in the community.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated staff for their hard work and achievement and invited Alan Gardner, Public Centre Safety Manager, to come forward to receive the certificate of behalf of his team.

4. Mayor's Charity Ball – 12 March 2016

The Mayor reminded members that there were still tickets available for her Charity Ball taking place at Forty Hall on Saturday 12 March 2016. She asked them to contact Alison Brookes in the Mayor's Office as soon as possible in order to guarantee a ticket.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali Bakir, Lee David-Sanders, Dino Lemonides, Don McGowan, and Turgut Esendagli.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Katherine Chibah, Jansev Jemal and Ozzie Uzoanya.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Before inviting members to declare any interests, the Mayor asked John Austin (Assistant Director Governance Projects) to make a short statement regarding the declaration of interests' requirements in relation to Item 7 Budget Report 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan.

Council noted:

1. Under guidance issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government members would not be required to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPA) in relation to the budget or setting of the Council Tax. This was on the basis that Council Tax liability would apply to the borough's population as a whole, with councillors not having any unique position in that regard. The requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 would, however, still apply, which required any Member who was two or more months in arrears on their Council Tax to declare their position and not vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or Council Tax. No declarations in this respect were made at the meeting.
2. The Councillor Conduct Committee (May 2013) had also granted a dispensation for all members in terms of the declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to the setting of housing rents.

Subject to the requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, this would allow all members to participate in the debate and vote on decisions relating to the setting of the Council Tax and Housing Rents.

Having noted the advice provided, the following declaration of interests were made at the meeting:

Agenda Item 7 (Budget Report 2016/17 and Medium Term Financial Plan):

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- Councillor Bernadette Lappage declared a disclosable pecuniary interest due to her husband's employment by the North London Waste Authority.
- Councillor Joanne Laban declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the GLA precept due her employment by the Deputy Mayor for London.

Agenda Item 9 (Review and Adoption of Statutory Pay Policy Statement)

- Councillor Claire Stewart declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as she was employed by Unison.
- Councillor Mary Maguire declared a disclosable pecuniary interest due to her employment by Unison.

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BUDGET REPORT 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Before the item was taken Councillor Neville expressed concern that:

- a. The Council was being asked to consider the outcome of the Overview & Scrutiny budget consultation meeting (recommendation 2.14 of the report) after the other recommendations, when it would have made more sense to consider it before the other recommendations.
- b. The Overview and Scrutiny Budget meeting had been held the day before the final budget papers were due to be circulated which gave little time for any feedback from the meeting to be taken account of and any suggestions incorporated.

In response to the concerns raised, Councillor Taylor advised that the recommendations were not listed in any particular sequence so this could be taken before the other recommendations.

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Stafford seconded the report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (171A) presenting for approval the Budget for 2016/17 and the Medium Term Financial Plan.

NOTED

1. Recommendations 2.1 – 2.14 had been endorsed and recommended onto Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 10 February 2016.
2. The report would need to be considered in conjunction with Report No: 178A on the Part 2 Council agenda (Min ??? refers).
3. The Leader of the Council's thanks to James Rolfe (Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and his officers for the preparation of the budget during such a difficult period for public finances.
4. The following comments highlighted by the Leader of the Council:

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- a. Concern was expressed at the significant reductions by Central Government in local authority funding and particularly adverse effect this would have on the most vulnerable in society;
- b. The ongoing pressures on the Council's budget as a result of the significant reduction in local government funding and continued austerity measures by Central Government, increasing level of demand on services and the negative impact of the Government's funding allocation damping mechanism, especially when compared to other local authorities such as Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea. As a result the Leader informed Council of his intention to launch a Fair Funding for Enfield Campaign in order to campaign for a fairer funding mechanism. The concerns highlighted in relation to the damping mechanism were shared by the Leader of the Opposition, who confirmed that the Opposition Group would support the campaign.
- c. The approach highlighted by the Leader of the Council towards management of the Council's resources and delivery of a balanced budget. Despite ongoing austerity, reductions in funding and pressures created locally by the current economic climate, significant efficiencies had been achieved with a focus on the need to protect services to residents for as long as possible whilst also providing investment in key projects and priorities.
- d. That whilst the Administration was committed to protecting services for residents, complying with legal obligations, making efficiencies where possible, investing in housing and jobs there were no longer, given the scale of funding reductions and savings already achieved, any easy options given the ongoing financial pressures on the Council.
- f. In terms of the proposed increase in Council Tax, this included the Government's 2% social care precept and was similar to increases being proposed all over London and factored into the Government funding proposals.
- g. The approach towards management of the Council's resources the Medium Term Financial Plan, which had been designed to reflect the Administration's key priorities, commitments and core aim of making Enfield a better place to live and work by delivering Fairness for All; Growth & Sustainability and Strong Communities.
5. The thanks to Council officers for their support and efforts in delivery of the budget proposals alongside the key achievements made by the current administration as highlighted by individual Cabinet Members.
6. The following issues highlighted by the Opposition Group:
 - a. Whilst supportive of the proposed fair funding campaign, efforts to lobby the Government on the damping mechanism as applied to Enfield, and

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accepting the need for a 2% social care precept, they could not support the proposed 1.78% general increase in Council Tax.

- b. The need to acknowledge that the current Administration had, up until now, been able to avoid any increase in council tax due to the financial support provided by the Government and strong financial position inherited in 2010 from the previous Conservative Administration.
- c. The need to recognise and welcome the reduction in the Mayor of London's precept and impact of the previous Labour Government's management of the economy in terms of the deficit not having to be addressed.
- d. The concern highlighted at the level of borrowing being undertaken by the current Administration and potential impact this may have on the Council's finances if the interest rates were to increase. It was felt that any further borrowing should be restricted to those corporate projects classified as essential.
- e. The need to acknowledge that better planning and work to reduce revenue expenditure at an early stage could have mitigated the impact of the current budget reductions being proposed.

Following a long debate the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and approved with the following results.

AGREED

- (1) To note the Council's Initial Efficiency Plan for new capital receipts (as detailed within Appendix 14 of the report).
- (2) To note the Government's 4 year funding offer with an acceptance deadline of 14 October 2016 and that a further report would be presented to Members once sufficient details to make a recommendation had been made available by the Government.
- (3) To note the feedback from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Budget Consultation meeting held on 1st February 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (4) With regard to the revenue budget for 2016/17:
 - (a) to set the Council Tax requirement for Enfield at £107.915m in 2016/17;
 - (b) to approve the statutory calculations and resolutions set out in Appendix 10 of the report.
- (5) With regard to the Prudential Code and the Capital Programme:

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- (a)** To note the information regarding the requirements of the Prudential Code (as detailed in section 9 of the report).
- (b)** The approved Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2019/20 as set out in section 9 and appendix 9 of the report. In addition to note the Indicative Capital Programme and agree that these indicative programmes be reviewed in the light of circumstances at the time.
- (c)** The inclusion of £6.325m one off funding for the transition to a “cloud” solution for the delivery of Enfield’s IT services as well as a £5.25m first year allocation of funding for the on-going Capital Investment Programme in the 2016/17 Capital Budget. The £6.325m had been recommended to Council by Cabinet on 10 February 2016. It was noted that the ongoing capital investment programme had hitherto been funded from the IT investment fund.
- (d)** To agree the Prudential Indicators, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Minimum Revenue Provision statement and the criteria for investments set out in section 9 and appendices 4 and 5 of the report.
- (6)** To agree the Medium Term Financial Plan and adopt the key principles set out in paragraph 10.11 of the report.
- (7)** With regard to the robustness of the 2016/17 budget and the adequacy of the Council’s earmarked reserves and balances:
 - (a)** To note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2016/17 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan (as detailed in sections 10 and 11 of the report) and approve the actions in hand to mitigate them.
 - (b)** To note the advice of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and earmarked reserves (as detailed in section 12 of the report) and to have regard to the Director’s statement (as detailed in section 13 of the report) when making final decisions on the 2016/17 budget.
 - (c)** To approve the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances (as detailed in section 12 of the report).
- (8)** To approve the Schools Budget for 2016/17 (as detailed within section 5.13 and Appendix 13 of the report).
- (9)** To approve the Fees and Charges for Adult Social Care Services for 2016/17 (as detailed within section 10.15 and Appendix 11 of the report), subject to consultation.
- (10)** That the New Homes Bonus be applied as a one-off contribution to the General Fund in 2016/17.

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- (11)** To approve the policy for the calculation of Minimum Revenue Provision (as detailed within Section 9 and appendix 4 of the report).
- (12)** To approve the adoption of the new flexible use of capital receipts as announced by the DCLG for 2016/17 to 2019/20.

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014 the vote recorded in relation to the decisions in (3) – (12) above was as follows:

For 54

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Gurney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Nesimi Erbil
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Suna Hurman
Councillor Jansev Jemal
Councillor Doris Jiage
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terry Neville
Councillor Ayfer Orhan

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Councillor Ahmet Oykenner
Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against 0

Abstentions 0

(13) With regard to the revenue budget for 2016/17, to set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2016/17 at £1,144.17 (as detailed within paragraph 8.1 of the report), based on a 1.99% general Council Tax increase (to ensure equivalent increases in all bands this equates to 1.98% in practice)

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014 the vote recorded in relation to decisions (13) above was as follows:

For 33

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Sarah Doyle
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Councillor Ahmet Oykenen
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Against: 21

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward
Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Michael Lavender
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terry Neville
Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstentions 0

(14) With regard to the revenue budget for 2016/17, to set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2016/17 at £1,144.17 (as detailed within paragraph 8.1 of the report), based on a 2.00% Adult Social Care Precept.

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014 the vote recorded in relation to the decisions in (14) above was as follows:

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Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Erin Celebi
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Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Edward Smith

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Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against 0

Abstentions 0

(15) To agree the Fees and Charges for Environmental Services for 2016/17
(as detailed within section 10.14 and Appendix 12 of the report).

In accordance with the Standing Order Regulations 2014 the vote recorded in relation to decision (15) above was as follows:

For 33

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Gurney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
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Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford

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Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Against: 0

Abstentions: 21

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
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Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Councillor Bernadette Lappage declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to this item and withdrew from the meeting for the duration of the debate and above decisions.

Councillor Joanne Laban declared a non-pecuniary interest on this item, but remained in the meeting for the duration of the debate and participated on the vote in relation to the above decisions.

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MEETING ADJOURNMENT

As advised during her announcements, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at this stage for a short comfort break which ran from 21:40 and 21:50.

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**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - 30 YEAR BUSINESS PLAN BUDGET
2016/17 RENT SETTING AND SERVICE CHARGES AND TEMPORARY
ACCOMMODATION RENTS**

Councillor Oykenor moved and Councillor Brett seconded the joint report from the Director of Regeneration and Environment and the Director of Finance, Corporate Resources and Customer Services (No:172A) setting out the proposed detailed budget for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) or 2016/17.

NOTED

1. That the recommendations in the report were endorsed and approved for recommendation on to Council by Cabinet on 10 February 2016.
2. The report had been prepared in the context of the Government's Welfare Reform and Work Bill and Housing and Planning Bill which were progressing through Parliament.
3. The HRA budget and 30 year business plan had been rebalanced taking account of the proposals introduced by the Government in July 2015 to reduce social rents by 1% per year for 4 years from 2016/17.
4. Only minor amendments have been made since November 2015 when Cabinet approved the updated 30 year HRA Business Plan.
5. Thanks to officers for all their work on these proposals.
6. Since 2010 the Council had spent £206m on refurbishing council stock and £7.5m on efficiency bills. The Administration had promised to build £10,000 homes in its Manifesto and was on target to do so.
7. Whilst supportive of some of the recommendations in the report (2.1 d,e,f,g,h, and 2.2) concerns were raised by the Opposition Group regarding:
 - a. The fact that the Government's proposals for "pay to stay" and the "sell off" of high value housing stock had not been taken account of in the 30 Year Plan.
 - b. The large increase in leaseholder charges
 - c. The Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme and the ability of the authority to complete the current developments in the light of lack of progress on the small sites programme.
 - d. The lack of detail on the proposals for the Council's own housing association.

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8. In response to the concerns raised under 7 above the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration reminded members of the progress made by the current Administration in developing and implementing the rebuilding strategy.

Following a period of debate the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and approved as follows:

AGREED

- (1) To approve the Housing Revenue Account 30-Year Business Plan.
- (2) To approve the detailed HRA Revenue Budget for 2016/17.
- (3) To approve the HRA Capital Programme and Right to Buy (RTB) One for One Receipts Programme 2016/17 to 2020/21

For: 33
Against: 0
Abstentions: 19

The remaining recommendations were approved unanimously, as set out below:

- (4) To note the rent levels for 2016/17 for HRA properties (subject to the Welfare Reform and Work Bill receiving Royal Assent in April 2016) and Temporary Accommodation properties.
- (5) To increase rents for sheltered accommodation tenants in line with Government guidance. This would result in an average increase of 0.9% for Enfield's Sheltered Accommodation tenants.
- (6) To approve the level of service charges for those properties receiving the services.
- (7) To note the heating charges for 2016/17 for those properties on communal heating systems
- (8) To approve of the proposals for increases in garages and parking bay rents
- (9) To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration and the Director of Regeneration and Environment to approve tenders for Major Works.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS AND EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

At this stage of the meeting Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the following procedural motions relating to the remaining business on the Council agenda:

- (a) to change the order of business on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (b) of the Council's procedure rules in order to enable item 11.2 (Motion in the name of Councillor Maguire regarding cuts in Government funding) to be considered as the next item of business; and
- (b) in order to provide sufficient time for consideration of item 11.2, before the scheduled end of the agenda, that the time available for the meeting be extended by an additional period of 20 minutes (under Council Procedure Rule 11m).

The change in the order of the agenda and extension in time of the meeting was agreed after a vote, with the following result:

For: 33

Against: 19

Abstentions: 0

Please note the minutes reflect the order in which the items were dealt with at the meeting.

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MOTIONS AND EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Councillor Maguire moved and Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu seconded the following motion:

"This council is appalled that the services that our local communities rely on continue to face deep cuts in Government funding. Enfield Council has already shouldered £118m of cuts since 2010 and is faced with further cuts in excess of £50m by 2020.

This Labour Administration, in partnership with officers, has worked hard to find innovative ways to save money, to continue to deliver services and to give best value to the people of Enfield. This Council thanks officers and members for their dedication and commitment in dealing with those cuts in a sensitive and constructive manner.

However, further cuts to funding will leave this Council struggling to deliver the services that the people of Enfield need and deserve.

This Council resolves to work with the Local Government Association, politicians, trade unions, community organisations, the charity and voluntary sector, to expose the damaging and dangerous nature of these cuts and

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impress on the Government the need to reverse them and to fund local government properly.”

Following a short debate, Councillor Elaine Hayward moved and Councillor Neville seconded procedural motion 12.12 (a) (i) that the question be now put.

This was defeated after a vote with the following result.

For 18
Against: 33
Abstentions: 0

Councillor Stewart then moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a procedural motion (under Council Procedure Rule 11m) to further extend the time of the meeting by an additional 5 minutes, in order to complete the debate on the motion and allow sufficient time for the recorded vote that would be required on the Part 2 agenda item.

This was put to the vote and agreed, with the following result:

For: 32
Against: 13
Abstentions: 0

Following a further short debate, the motion was put to the vote and agreed, with the following result:

For: 33
Against: 13
Abstentions: 0

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The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 8 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

143 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT

RECEIVED a report (Report No: 188) from the Assistant Director of Human Resources presenting the Council's statutory Pay Policy Statement for consideration and approval.

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NOTED that the Pay Policy Statement had been considered and approved for recommendation onto Council, subject to the amendments identified, by the Remuneration Committee on 3 February 2016.

AGREED the amendments to the statutory Pay Policy Statement attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Councillors Stewart declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine they did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the decision made on the report.

Councillor Maguire declared a non pecuniary interest.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED 30 MINUTES)

1.1 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED the sixty four questions on the Council agenda and the written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet members.

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MOTIONS

The following motions, listed on the agenda, lapsed due to lack of time:

11.1 In the name of Councillor Barry:

“If the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is agreed, the people of Enfield will lose many of the regulations that protect their environment, their food and their rights as workers.

A report commissioned by the Government concluded that TTIP offers “few or no benefits to the UK while having meaningful economic and political costs.”

This Council resolves:

- To call on the Government to put the national interests of our people above those of big businesses and to reject this agreement.
- To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, local MPs, MLAs, and all London MEPs raising our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and the secrecy of the negotiating process.

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- To write to the Local Government Association to raise our serious concerns about the impact of TTIP on local authorities and ask them to raise these with Government on our behalf.
- To call for an impact assessment on the impact of TTIP on local authorities.
- To publicise the Council's concerns about TTIP; join with other local authorities which are opposed to TTIP across Europe and work with local campaigners to raise awareness about the problems of TTIP.
- To contact the local authorities of municipalities twinned with Enfield asking them to consider passing a similar motion on TTIP."

11.3 In the name of Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu:

"The country, particularly London, is facing a housing crisis and residents in Enfield are feeling the effects. This Council believes that the government's Housing and Planning Bill will only make the situation worse; and that the only real solution is to build more homes.

House building is at its lowest since the 1920's; private rents have increased by 37% in the past five years and the government continue to use billions of pounds of public money to subsidise private landlords through housing benefit.

The Housing and Planning Bill would:

- Forces 'high-value' council homes to be sold on the open market;
- Extend the right-to-buy to housing association tenants and
- Undermine section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes

There is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area.

This Council resolves that the Bill undermines localism by granting the Secretary of State the power to override local plans, to mandate rents for social tenants and to impose a levy on stock-holding councils, violating the terms of the Housing Revenue Account self-financing deal.

This Council calls on the government to grant local authorities the powers and financial ability to increase the supply of housing for our residents. Councils must be given the financial flexibilities they need to be able to scale up housing development, both in partnership and directly."

11.4 In the name of Councillor Alessandro Georgiou:

"In view of the fact that the Council has not acquired the site at Chase Farm Hospital for which outline planning permission was given for a three form entry

primary school, and the locally based Lime Trust is keen to develop a free school on the site, the Council instructs the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services to write Department for Education to support the upcoming bid of the Lime Trust to open a primary free school with three forms of entry on the site".

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USE OF COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROVISION

NOTED the details provided of a decision taken under the Council's urgency procedure. The decision has been made in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Paragraph 17.3 of Chapter 4.2 (Scrutiny) and Paragraph 16 of Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information) of the Council's Constitution.

- Award of Contract - Leadership of Council's procurement and commissioning function.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

AGREED to confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

1. Corporate Parenting Board

Following the Council decision on 28 January 2016 to increase membership of the Board by two members (split 1:1)

Councillor Bernadette Lappage and Councillor Glynis Vince were confirmed as the new board members.

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NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED to confirm the following changes to memberships of Outside Bodies:

Hate Crime Forum: Councillor Laban to replace Councillor Rye

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

None received.

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DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED that the date of the next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 23 March 2016.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

AGREED in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for consideration of Item 1 listed on Part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

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BUDGET REPORT 2016/17 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Received a report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.178A) seeking approval as part of the 2016/17 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to fees and charges for Environmental Services.

NOTED that the report had been submitted in conjunction with Report No: 171A on the Part 1 Council Agenda. The recommendation in the report had been endorsed and recommended on to Council at the Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2016.

AGREED that the pest control, commercial waste, schedule 2 waste planning pre-application service, golf special offers and annual season ticket, events, passenger transport services, fleet services and schools health and safety, fees and charges for environmental services be approved as detailed in Section 3.1 and Appendix 1 to the report.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

In accordance with Standing Order Regulations 2014 the vote recorded in relation to the above decision was as follows:

For 33

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Gurney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle

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Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Nesimi Erbil
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Suna Hurman
Councillor Jansev Jemal
Councillor Doris Jiage
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Ahmet Oykenner
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Against: 0

Abstentions: 12

Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Don Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terry Neville
Councillor Anne-Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Glynis Vince

Councillor Bernadette Lappage declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine she did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the process for dealing with the report and did not vote.